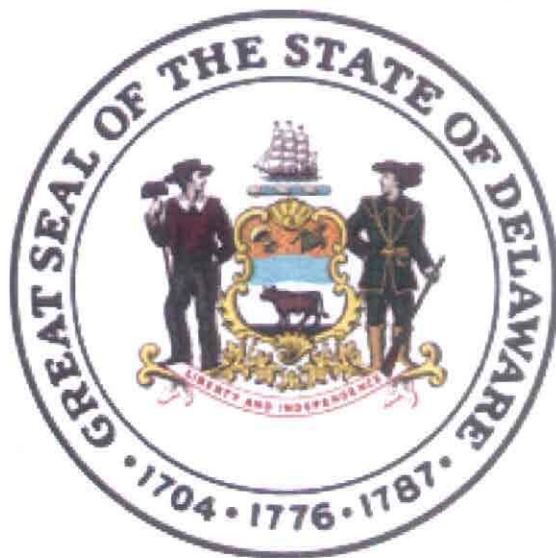


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33rd ANNUAL REPORT

Ladies & Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the 33rd Annual Report of the Violent Crimes Compensation Board, hereinafter, referred to as VCCB for the fiscal year 2007. This report is rendered pursuant to the provisions of Title 11, Section 9013 of the Delaware Code.

Respectfully submitted by,


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LETTER FROM BOARD CHAIRPERSON

The Violent Crimes Compensation Board was established to alleviate some of the financial burdens, mental and psychological trauma that these crimes leave on all victims. Compensation is available for medical/dental costs, funeral expenses, loss wages, moving/relocation, crime scene clean-up, loss of support, mental health counseling and other miscellaneous expenses resulting from being the victim of a violent crime.

This year's annual report outlines our diligence in processing claims during the past fiscal year on behalf of crime victims in Delaware. We are pleased to report a total of six hundred and thirteen (613) claims were submitted to the Violent Crimes Compensation Board for assistance. In addition to the new claims which were submitted for compensation, hundreds of supplemental payments were also processed for payments total claims processed for fiscal year 2007 continues to increase over previous years.

We are pleased to report that this year; a total of \$1,948,495.37 was awarded to victims of violent crimes and their families. The awards were offset by prior-year reimbursements to a net award of \$1,892,427.44. The compensation provided much-needed assistance in rebuilding lives that are affected by violent crime. The compensation covered payments for medical treatment, mental health counseling, loss of wages, funeral and burial costs and other miscellaneous expenses related to violent crime acts.

On behalf of fellow Board Members: Leah W. Betts, Vice Chair-woman, V. Lynn Gregory, Stephanie I. Liguori, and Stephen L. Manista fellow commissioners, I would like to offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to each individual who contributed time and effort to help make this program successful.

Over the years the Board has experienced a great deal of commitment and cooperation from many individuals, agencies, and programs. We wish to express our sincere thanks to Gertrude Burke, Executive Secretary/Director, and her staff: Andrea Lewis, Christopher Gibson, Roger Klein, Andrea Powell, Latanya Bailey, Kissha Burke, Louella Williams, and



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These individuals have worked with great diligence and dedication, devoting their time and energies to help mend the lives of men, women, and children who suffer the effects of violent crimes. This was also a time of some hardship for the Violent Crimes Compensation Board as some of our staff experienced some health related issues and had to be out-of-the office for prolong periods.

The Board is extremely grateful for the support it has received from the Honorable Ruth Ann Minner, Governor; the Legislature; Judge Brady, Carl Danberg, Attorney General; Ralph Durstein III, Deputy Attorney General; law enforcement officials throughout the State; and Delaware's victim service professionals who refer crime victims to the Violent Crimes Compensation Board.

It is our sincere desire, as we move into the next fiscal year, to continue our work to help stabilize the lives of victims. We hope that we can improve our services in making our program readily available to assist the citizens of our state who needlessly suffer from the ill effects of violent crimes.



Thomas W. Castaldi
Chairman

MISSION STATEMENT

To promote the public welfare by establishing a means of meeting the additional hardships imposed upon the victims of certain violent crimes, including the family and dependants of those victims.

ESTABLISHMENT

On July 18, 1974, the Governor of the State of Delaware approved legislation "to serve the public by compensating those who are victims of crimes committed within the State of Delaware. This service is known as the Delaware Violent Crimes Compensation Board. The agency was founded to provide financial assistance as a means of meeting the additional hardships imposed upon the innocent victims of certain crimes and the families and dependents of those victims.

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

Many legislative additions and amendments have been made throughout the years to accommodate the changing needs of crime victims, and to increase and protect program funding. Past legislative endeavors include:

REQUIRING THAT CRIMES BE REPORTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT WITHIN 72-HOURS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE ACT. 0586

PROVIDING COMPENSATION TO DELAWARE RESIDENTS VICTIMIZED IN A STATE, POSSESSION, OR TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES SO LONG AS THE CRIME WOULD QUALIFY IN DELAWARE, AND IF THE PLACE OF CRIME OCCURRENCE DOES NOT HAVE A FUNCTIONAL COMPENSATION PROGRAM. 0688

INCREASING THE MAXIMUM AWARD PAYMENT FROM \$10,000 TO \$20,000 TO THE CURRENT MAXIMUM OF \$25,000. 0789

INCREASING THE STAFF COMPLEMENT FROM 5 TO 8 EMPLOYEES. 0590

RAISING THE CEILING ON ONE-MEMBER CLAIM PROCESSING FROM \$1,000 TO \$5,000. 0690

INCREASING THE PENALTY SURCHARGE LEVIED ON CRIMINAL OFFENSES FROM 10% TO 15% TO THE CURRENT RATE OF 18%. 0790

LIMITING THE TIME FRAME FOR RE-OPENING CASE FILES TO TWO YEARS FROM THE BOARD'S DECISION. 0591

DISQUALIFYING SUICIDE AS A COMPENSABLE CRIME. 0591

DISQUALIFYING COMPENSATION FOR INJURIES SUSTAINED DURING A

DRUG-RELATED INCIDENT. 0591

PROHIBITING LUMP SUM AWARDS FOR MENTAL SUFFERING, SCARRING,
AND DISFIGUREMENT. 0292

INCLUDING SECONDARY CRIME VICTIMS AS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE
COMPENSATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING. 0793

DEFINING SECONDARY CRIME VICTIMS TO INCLUDE THE SPOUSE, SON,
DAUGHTER, BROTHER, SISTER, OR PARENT OF THE PRIMARY CRIME
VICTIM. 0793

PROTECTING THE IDENTITY OF CRIME VICTIMS BY PUBLISHING CASE
NUMBERS IN LIEU OF NAMES IN VCCB'S ANNUAL REPORT. 06941

ESTABLISHING A FORENSIC MEDICAL EXAM PROGRAM AUTHORIZING THE
VCCB TO PAY FOR COSTS TO GATHER FORENSIC EVIDENCE. 0595

ASSESSING A PENALTY ON CONVICTED SEX OFFENDERS. PROCEEDS
REVERT TO THE VICTIM'S COMPENSATION FUND TO HELP DEFRAY
COSTS PAID FOR FORENSIC MEDICAL EXAMS. 0595

REDIRECTING UNCLAIMED RESTITUTION FROM THE STATE'S GENERAL
FUND TO THE VICTIM'S COMPENSATION FUND SO THAT RESTITUTION
CAN BE USED FOR ITS INTENDED PURPOSE. 0695

EXTEND COVERAGE TO DELAWARE RESIDENTS VICTIMIZED DURING ACTS
OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. 0497

PROHIBIT THE PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION TO INDIVIDUALS WHO OWE
ASSESSMENTS OR RESTITUTION TO THE VICTIM'S COMPENSATION FUND
FOR PRIOR CRIMINAL OFFENSES. 0497

EXTEND BOARD AUTHORITY TO CLOSE MEETINGS FOR CASES RELATING
TO SEXUAL OFFENSES, FOR NON-CRIMINAL COURT CASES IN WHICH
THE DEFENDANT IS A MINOR, AND FOR UNADJUDICATED CASES.
0597

AMEND THE DEFINITION OF GUARDIAN TO INCLUDE "ANY PERSON,
GOVERNMENTAL INSTRUMENTALITY OR PRIVATE ORGANIZATION. 0698

PERMITTING VICTIMS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 - 20 TO FILE
CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING TREATMENT, IF
THE CRIME OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE VICTIM'S 18TH BIRTHDAY, SO
LONG AS THE CRIME OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE VICTIM'S 18TH
BIRTHDAY, SO LONG AS THE CRIME OCCURRENCE IS APPROPRIATELY
DOCUMENTED. 0698

PERMITTING VICTIMS TO RE-OPEN EXISTING CLAIMS FOR MENTAL
HEALTH COUNSELING TREATMENT, IF THE VICTIM HAS NOT YET
REACHED THE AGE OF 18 BY THE DATE OF THE BOARD'S ORIGINAL
DECISION, AND PROVIDED THE REQUEST TO RE-OPEN THE EXISTING
CLAIM IS FILED PRIOR TO THE VICTIM'S 20TH BIRTHDAY. 0698
AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF SECONDARY VICTIM TO INCLUDE ANY

CHILD WHO RESIDES ON A REGULAR OR SEMI-REGULAR BASIS WITH ANY ADULT WHO IS THE VICTIM OF OR CONVICTED OF ANY CRIME INVOLVING AN ACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. 0698

PAYMENT FOR THE COSTS OF A PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT DONE FOR THE PURPOSE OF EVALUATING THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF A CHILD VICTIM. 0698

PAYMENT FOR SHORT-TERM COUNSELING FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEETING THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF A CHILD VICTIM. 0698

PAYMENT FOR CRIME SCENE CLEAN UP, ESSENTIAL PERSONAL SAFETY PROPERTY, LOST WAGES FOR A CAREGIVER TO A CHILD VICTIM, AND REASONABLE EXPENSES FOR SECONDARY VICTIMS. 0700

PAYMENT FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING, MOVING EXPENSES, CHILD CARE, SECURITY DEPOSIT, USED FURNITURE COSTS AND FIRST MONTH'S RENT FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS. 0700

PAYMENT OF THE DEDUCTIBLE UNDER A POLICY OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE WHERE THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS STOLEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE CRIME. 0700

LOSS OF SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WHEN THE OFFENDER IS INCARCERATED. 0700

PAYMENT FOR TOWING AND IMPOUNDMENT EXPENSES AS A RESULT OF THE CRIME. 0700

PAYMENT FOR THE COST TO CHANGE LOCKS AND REPLACE ITEMS SEIZED AS EVIDENCE. 0700

THE EXCLUSION OF LIFE INSURANCE PROCEEDS AS A COLLATERAL RESOURCE. 0700

REQUIREMENT OF AN UPDATED PHYSICAL OR MENTAL EXAMINATION WHEN THE VICTIM APPLIES FOR ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR EXPENSES INCURRED MORE THAN ONE (1) YEAR FROM THE CRIME OCCURRENCE. (RULE X) 0302

INCREASED FUNERAL AND BURIAL AWARDS NOT TO EXCEED \$8,500.00. (RULE XXVII) 0302

PAYMENT OF REASONABLE EXPENSES FOR VICTIM TRAVEL TO AND FROM MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS WHEN THE ROUNDTRIP IS MORE THAN TEN (10) MILES. (RULE XXX) 0302

LOSS OF SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WHEN IT IS ESTABLISHED THE OFFENDER WAS GAINFULLY EMPLOYED. 0603

PAYMENT FOR HOUSING RELATED EXPENSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, MORTGAGE, RENT, SECURITY DEPOSIT, OR OTHER HOUSING COSTS, AND FURNITURE NOT TO EXCEED THREE TIMES THE VICTIM'S MONTHLY PROSPECTIVE HOUSING COST.
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FUNDING

In Fiscal Year 1975, the VCCB was allocated a one-time appropriation of \$137,000 from the general fund for project start-up. To generate revenue for subsequent years a "penalty assessment" was placed into law, whereby, a 10% surcharge was levied on every fine, penalty, and forfeiture imposed and collected by the courts for criminal offenses. All revenue collected from the assessment is deposited into revenue holding account entitled "Victim's Compensation Fund" to administer the program. Throughout the years, the surcharge has increased from 10% to 15% to its current rate of 18%. Revenue has increased from the initial appropriation of \$137,000 in FY 75 to a year-end revenue account balance of \$4,949,960.78 for FY 2007

Reimbursements to the victim's compensation fund include court-ordered restitution, subrogation recoveries, probation interest, assessments on sexual offense convictions, and other miscellaneous revenue.

REVENUE SOURCE	BEGINNING BALANCE	ENDING BALANCE
BEGINNING BAL.	\$5,264,840.11	\$5,264,840.11
SURCHARGE 18%	2,684,090.50	7,948,930.61
RESTITUTION	100,013.96	8,048,944.57
SUBROGATION RFD.	5,000.00	8,053,944.57
INTEREST	51,364.21	8,105,308.78
MISCELLANEOUS	2,787.30	8,108,096.08
REFUNDS/PY	21,592.81	8,129,688.89
PENALTIES	0.00	8,129,688.89
FORENSIC ASSESSM	13,473.30	8,143,162.19
UNCLAIMED REST	0.00	8,143,162.19
FY07 TRANSFER	(3,193,201.41)	4,949,960.78
GENERAL FUND TRANSFER	0.00	4,949,960.78
GRAND TOTAL		\$4,949,960.78

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The operational budget for FY 2007 was \$2,445,194.69. This includes (ASF) expenses of \$1,781,205.90 [state funds-administrative and victim payments]; \$55,859.60 [encumbered funds]; and \$618,129.19 VOCA grant funds (NSF), which include victim payments. Authorized payments of compensation for fiscal year 2007 totaled \$1,948,495.37 with administrative costs at \$562,767.25

Awards granted by the Board totaled \$1,948,495.37 and was awarded to claimants/ victims, medical providers, funeral service providers, attorneys, and miscellaneous service facilities that provided care and assistance to innocent crime victims. Actual award payments total \$1,892,427.44 with \$56,067.93 to be paid during the first quarter of FY 2008.

FISCAL YEAR 2007 BUDGET EXPENDITURES			
LINE ITEM	OPERATIONAL COSTS	ENCUMBERED FUNDS	TOTAL EXPENSES
SAL/ OEC	\$463,317.53	0.00	\$463,317.53
TRAVEL	20,386.21		20,386.21
CON.SER.	13,120.02	55,859.60	68,979.62
SUPPLIES	8,909.89	0.00	8,909.89
CAP. OUTLAY	1,174.00	0.00	1,174.00
REFUNDS	0.00	0.00	0.00
ASF ADMIN	\$506,907.65	55,859.60	\$562,767.25
ASF VICTIMS	1,274,298.25	0.00	1,274,298.25
TOTAL ASF	\$1,781,205.90	55,859.60	\$1,837,065.50
NSF ADMIN	0.00	0.00	0.00
NSF VICTIMS	618,129.19	0.00	618,129.19
TOTAL NSF	618,129.19	0.00	618,129.19
TOTAL VICTIMS	1,892,427.44	0.00	1,892,427.44
TOTAL BUDGET	\$2,399,335.09	55,859.60	\$2,455,194.69

REVENUE SUMMARY FISCAL YEAR 2007			
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS		ALDERMAN'S COURTS	
RECEIPTS	\$1,178,202.92	COURT #31	11,778.47
		COURT #32	0.00
		COURT #33	0.00
		COURT #34	0.00
		COURT #35	8,344.40
		COURT #37	6,440.06
		COURT #40	115,101.99
		COURT #41	0.00
		TOWN OF DEWEY	15,083.74
		TOWN OF NEWPORT	4,992.17
		DOVERCT	0.00
TOTAL	\$1,178,202.92	TOTAL	\$161,740.83
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS		SUPERIOR COURT	
RECEIPTS	\$756,778.05	NEW CASTLE	316,472.38
		KENT	92,620.40
		SUSSEX	152,652.70
TOTAL	\$756,778.05	TOTAL	\$561,745.48
FAMILY COURT		OTHER COURTS	
NEW CASTLE		TN OF NEWARK	
KENT		TN OF ELSMERE	
SUSSEX		MISCELLANEOUS	
TOTALS	\$25,623.22	TOTAL	\$2,787.30

REVENUE SUMMARY FISCAL YEAR 2007 (CONTINUED)		
BEGINNING BALANCE: 07/01/06	\$5,264,840.11	
LESS: FY 2007 BUDGET	(2,536,201.41)	
LESS: TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	(655,000.00)	
NET BALANCE ON 07/01/06		\$2,071,638.70
COURT RECEIPTS:		
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS	1,178,202.92	
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS	756,778.05	
FAMILY COURT	25,623.22	
ALDERMAN'S COURT	161,740.83	
SUPERIOR COURT	561,745.48	
TOTAL COURT RECEIPTS		2,684,090.50
PENALTY/RESTITUTION		
RESTITUTION	100,013.96	
SUBROGATION	5,000.00	
INTEREST	51,364.21	
PY/REFUNDS	21,592.81	
UNCLAIMED RESTITUTION	0.00	
PROBATION RESTITUTION	0.00	
FORENSIC ASSESSMENT	13,473.30	
OTHER REVENUE	2,787.30	
TOTAL PENALTY/RESTITUTION		\$194,231.58
YEAR-END REVENUE / BEGINNING BALANCE FOR FY 2007		\$4,949,960.78

Fiscal Year 2004 the Violent Crimes Compensation Board received a federal grant, \$859,000.00. During fiscal year 2007 the Violent Crimes Compensation Board expended \$618,129.19

Fiscal Year 2005 Federal grant in the sum of \$657,000.00 was awarded to the Compensation Board.

Fiscal Year 2006 a Federal Grant in the sum of \$933,000.00 was granted to the Compensation Board.

FEDERAL PAY-OUTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2002 THROUGH 2007.

The federal VOCA supplemental grant offers reimbursement of \$.60 for each dollar paid to eligible crime victims from state appropriations (certain conditions apply).

During the past six (6) years The Violent Crimes Compensation Board has paid out a maximum of \$1,859,153.25 in Federal Funds to victims of violent crimes.

Fiscal Year 2002	\$245,010.44
Fiscal Year 2003	\$290,974.06
Fiscal Year 2004	\$ 63,166.29
Fiscal Year 2005	\$434,382.40
Fiscal Year 2006	\$207,790.87
Fiscal Year 2007	\$618,129.19

The Violent Crimes Compensation Board continues to show administrative accountability, and fiscally responsible, as disbursements for victims compensation continues to rise; administrative cost remains consistently low.

Administrative operating cost for the last six (6) fiscal years (expenditures).

Fiscal Year 2002	\$506,437.64
Fiscal Year 2003	\$466,500.38
Fiscal Year 2004	\$495,185.22
Fiscal Year 2005	\$487,600.68
Fiscal Year 2006	\$572,579.79
Fiscal Year 2007	\$562,767.25

This show a consistent effort by Administration to be responsible in managing the funds entrusted to the agency in behalf of Delaware crime victims.

Fiscal Year 2007 Claim Processing Statistics

CLAIMS PROCESSED	CLAIMS		TOTAL
	INITIAL	RE-OPEN	
APPROVED CLAIMS	542	172	714
CLAIMS NOT-APPROVED	71	0	71
CLAIMS WITHDRAWN	0	0	0
CLAIMS DISMISSED/OTHER	0	0	0
TOTAL CLAIMS PROCESSED	613	172	785

During this operational period, thirty-two [32] claims were remanded back to the Board for a live hearing. In twenty [20] of the cases, the Board reversed its initial decision and the claimants/victims were approved. In twelve [12] of the cases the initial decisions were affirmed.

For Fiscal Year 2007, the Board granted compensation in the amount of \$1,968,629.88, which included \$1,776,237.04 to victims/providers; \$170,558.92 for forensic medical payments (SANE), \$21,833.92 for Child Counseling and Assessment Payments (CCAP). The total compensation also includes FY 2007 awards to be paid during FY 2008 - \$76,202.44. FY 2006 payments paid during FY 07 in the amount of \$35,475.12 and Prior-Year refunds totaling \$21,592.81.

VCCB law grants all aggrieved claimants the right to appeal to the Superior Court of the State of Delaware within thirty (30) days of the Board's decision. A claimant may choose to waive the thirty (30) day waiting period by appearing before a notary and signing a "Right of Appeal Waiver" form. If the claimant chooses this path, any award granted is released immediately. If the claimant does not sign the waiver, the VCCB must wait thirty (30) days from the Board's decision before payment is released.

In accordance with the thirty (30) days appeal period, not all awards granted during FY 2007 were paid out. Awards statutorily authorized for release were \$1,968,629.88 with payouts of \$1,892,427.44 and reserves of \$76,202.44. Reserves will be paid in fiscal year 2008 after the lapse of the thirty (30) days appeal period.

ACTIVITY SUMMARY 2007

CLAIMS PROCESSED	785
INELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS FILED	0
APPLICATIONS AWARDED	714
APPLICATIONS DENIED	71
APPLICATIONS WITHHELD	0
APPLICATION APPROVAL RATE.....	91%
TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED.....	\$1,968,629.88
AVERAGE AMOUNT AWARDED	2,757.18
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES PAID OUT \$562,767.25	
TRANSFERS FROM VICTIMS COMPENSATION FUND	
IN COMPLIANCE PER BUDGET ACT 37 OF THE	
AMENDED DELAWARE CODE, FUNDS IN EXCESS OF 5.0	
MILLION HAS TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE CRIMINAL	
REHABILITATION FUND.	
TO STATE FUND.....	655,000.00
TO BEGIN FISCAL YEAR 07 BUDGET.	\$2,538,201.41

EXPENDITURE BY VENDOR TYPE

CLAIMS APPROVED BY VENDOR/PROVIDER	
HOSPITAL	\$445,983.40
CLAIMANT/VICTIM (LOSS-OF-EARNINGS)	145,810.54
CLAIMANT/VICTIM (LOSS-OF-SUPPORT)	23,389.35
PHYSICIAN	79,226.27
FUNERAL/BURIAL	209,504.51
MENTAL HEALTH	98,788.60
FY 06 AWARDS PAID IN FY 07	35,475.12
CLAIMANT/VICTIM (OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES)	202,645.47
DENTAL	30,516.95
ANESTHESIA	29,244.62
X-RAY	19,150.81
AMBULANCE	23,281.78
OTHER LOSSES	369,439.64
DEL STATE POLICE VICTIM FUND	1,343.99
MOVING EXPENSES	13,535.45
TEMPORARY HOUSING	4,711.53
SECURITY DEPOSIT	4,600.00
CRIME SCENE REPAIRS	1,000.00
CRIME SCENE CLEAN-UP	645.11
ATTORNEY FEES	1,294.11
RENTAL PAYMENTS	12,901.00
VICTIMS SUPPLEMENTAL FUND	1,780.00
MILEAGE	511.98
CURRENT YEAR REFUND	-136.00
TOTAL AWARDS GRANTED BY VENDOR/PROVIDER	\$1,734,644.23
FORENSIC-SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMINERS PROGRAM	170,558.92
CHILD COUNSELING ASSESSMENT PROGRAM	21,833.92
TOTAL AWARDS GRANTED FISCAL YEAR 2007	\$1,947,037.07

EXPENDITURE BY CRIME TYPE

EXPENSES PAID BY CRIME	
ASSAULT	\$880,362.46
MURDER/HOMICIDE	292,318.10
ATTEMPTED MURDER	128,022.30
DOMESTIC ASSAULT/SPOUSAL	63,449.23
DUI/DWI	2,626.37
DUI-VEHICULAR ASSAULT	49,674.70
DUI-VEHICULAR HOMICIDE	13,974.01
AWARDS GRANTED IN FY 06 PD IN FY 07	35,475.12
OTHER	5,274.93
SEXUAL ASSAULT/ADULT	8,088.17
CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE	92,962.70
ROBBERY	32,051.67
DOMESTIC ASSAULT/SEXUAL	17,103.46
STALKING	2,504.84
VEHICULAR ASSAULT	108,340.43
DOMESTIC HOMICIDE	17,127.50
ARSON	3,257.80
CHILD PHYSICAL ABUSE	2,027.94
RECKLESS ENDANGERING	2,276.50
CARJACKING	261.00
TOTAL AWARDS GRANTED BY CRIME TYPE	\$1,757,179.23
FORENSIC MEDICAL EXAMS	168,650.74
CHILD COUNSELING & ASSESSMENT PROGRAM	21,207.10
TOTAL AWARDS AUTHORIZED BY CRIME TYPE	\$1,947,037.07

**Claims Not Approved for Crime Victim's
Compensation**

INITIAL CLAIMS NOT APPROVED FOR COMPENSATION	
NO COMPENSABLE LOSS	8
NO CRIME	12
CONTRIBUTION	12
LACK OF COOPERATION/BOARD	6
LACK OF COOPERATION/POLICE	0
DRUG RELATED	9
REHEARD/UPHELD	7
WITHDRAWN	0
OTHER	12
MONEY DUE FROM OFFENDER TO COURT	0
NO POLICE REPORT	1
NOT CRIME RELATED	2
OVER 72 HOURS FILING	1
UNDER \$25.00	1
TOTAL PROCESSED CLAIMS NOT AWARDED	71

In May 1991 legislation was passed denying benefits to those who sustain injury in drug-related crimes. With legal enforcement, the Board has denied a total of 67 claims for benefits, with eight (7) of those applicants denied during this fiscal year reporting period.

CLAIMS DENIED BY CRIME TYPE

INITIAL/REHEARD CLAIMS NOT-APPROVED BY CRIME TYPE	
ASSAULT	34
CHILD PHYSICAL ABUSE	2
ARSON	2
OTHER	4
DUI/DWI	2
DUI/VEHICULAR ASSAULT	4
DUI/VEHICULAR HOMICIDE	3
DOMESTIC/SPOUSAL	1
DOMESTIC/SEXUAL	1
ATTEMPTED MURDER	2
MURDER/HOMICIDE	6
RECKLESS ENDANGERING	1
ROBBERY	5
STALKING	1
VEHICULAR ASSAULT	3
TOTAL CLAIMS NOT APPROVED	71

**FORENSIC MEDICAL EXAM PROGRAM
FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR 2007**

FORENSIC MEDICAL EXAM PROGRAM (FME)

FME CLAIMS	
CLAIMS RECEIVED	216
CLAIMS PROCESSED	216
CLAIMS PENDING	0

FME CLAIMS PROCESSED	
AWARDS	216
DENIALS	0
TOTAL PROCESSED	216

Expenses for the purposes of forensic medical exams (FMS) include hospital-related costs for the basic level of care required for forensic evidence gathering.

Emergency room physician's fees for the examination of physical trauma, penetration, force, or lack of consent.

Laboratory expenses for wet mount for sperm, swabs for acid phosphates and ABH antigens, blood typing, serology for syphilis and Hepatitis B, cultures for gonorrhea, Chlamydia, trichomoniasis, and other sexually transmitted disease.

Pregnancy testing, urinalysis, and other laboratory test needed to collect evidence that could be used in the prosecution of the offense.

Expenses allowable if concurrent with the forensic

medical exam are: collection of the patient's medical history, physical, specimen collection, and preventative treatment for venereal disease.

The costs for one follow up office visit (This includes only the cost of the office visits).

**CHILD COUNSELING AND
ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2007
CCAP**

CCAP CLAIMS	
CLAIMS RECEIVED	35
CLAIMS PROCESSED	35
CCAP CLAIMS PENDING	0

The Child Counseling and Assessment Program (CCAP) pay for counseling expenses incurred by minor children that have become victims in the State of Delaware. These expenses are paid directly to the provider on behalf of the victim. Even though the monies expended for this Program comes from the victim line of the Violent Crimes Compensation Board, no regular compensation claim needs to be filed for these incurred expenses.

Of the above thirty-five (35) claims that have been processed this fiscal year, all of the cases have been retained under the conventional application process for future counseling expenses.

**SUMARY OF CASE FILES
FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR 2007**

***Summaries of Claims Heard During FY 2007
By the Violent Crimes Compensation Board***

CLAIM No.:07-9468-PG

The claimant is a 31-year old victim of a robbery, who filed an application requesting Medical/Dental expenses, Wage/Income loss expenses, Moving expenses, and relocating expenses. The victim later withdrew his request for Loss-of-Earnings, and Moving and Relocating.

The police report concluded the victim had been shot in an apparent robbery. The victim sustained injuries to the right side of the chest area.

The claimant has been awarded \$80.00 for Out-of-Pocket medical expenses.

CLAIM No.:07-9464-PG

The claimant is a 43-year old victim of Domestic Violence, who filed an application requesting Mental Health expenses, and Moving and Relocating expenses.

The police report revealed the claimant had served a PFA to the defendant who violated the order.

Initially, the Board denied the claim for Moving/Relocating citing the new lease was signed prior to the victimization. A live hearing request was submitted by the claimant. The decision was rescinded after testimony by the victim. A total of \$609.70 was paid toward the claim.

CLAIM No.:07-9542-DG

The claimant is a 56-year old male, the father of a 27-year old male victim. The claimant filed an application for Funeral and Burial expenses.

The police classified the complaint as a home Invasion resulting in the victim being shot. The victim succumbed to his injuries.

The Board awarded the claimant a total of \$ 5,726.23

toward Funeral/Burial reimbursement expenses.

CLAIM NO.:07-9547-PC

The claimant is a 31-year victim of a burglary. The victim filed an application requesting reimbursement for stolen funds, Moving and Relocating expenses.

The police classified the complaint as a Burglary, no forced entry/residence.

The Board awarded the victim for Moving and Relocating expenses and denied the stolen funds. Citing the provision set forth in Title 11, Chapter 90 §9002 (8) which in part states that pecuniary loss does not include property damage.

The claimant has been awarded a total of \$1,075.00 for Moving and Relocating expenses.

CLAIM NO.:07-9593-DK

The claimant is a 57-year-old female who filed an application in behalf of her 25-year old son a victim of an assault. The claimant requested Medical/Dental expenses, Funeral and Burial expenses, and lot rent expenses.

The police classified the complaint as aggravated Assault with a dangerous weapon. The victim went into a coma after sustaining injuries to the head. The victim later succumbed to his injuries.

The Board denied the claim citing the provision set forth in Title 11, Chapter 90 §9006 (A) (7) and §9006 (A) (1).

The claimant requested a live hearing before the Board. The Board ruled to uphold its original decision to deny the request after hearing testimony from law enforcement, witnesses, and the claimant.

CLAIM NO.:07-9637-PP

The claimant is a 40-year-old victim of an assault who filed an application requesting Mental Health Counseling expenses, Moving and Relocating expenses, and Loss-of-Support and emergency Temporary Housing.

The police classified the complaint as domestic violence and violation of a PFA.

The Board awarded the victim Moving and Relocating expenses, Loss-of-Support, Security Deposit, and Mental Health Counseling expenses.

The claimant has been awarded a total of \$5,615.00.

CLAIM NO.:07-9645-PG

The claimant is a 45-year-old who filed an application for Loss-of-Earnings.

The police classified the complaint as Disorderly Conduct.

The claimant sustained injuries while arresting the defendant. The Board awarded the victim Loss-Of-Earnings.

The claimant has been awarded \$1,139.00

CLAIM NO.:07-9668-PG

The claimant is a 24-year-old victim of an assault who filed an application for Loss-of-Earnings, Relocating and Temporary Housing expenses, and over due bills household bills.

The police classified the complaint as Aggravated Menacing.

The Board ruled to deny the claim citing the provision set forth in Title 11, Chapter 90, §9002 (8) §9003 (9) and §9005 (1).

CLAIM NO.:07-9678-DP

The claimant is a 54-year-old mother of a victim of Homicide, who filed an application for Mental Health Counseling.

The victim was killed by her estranged husband who broke into the victim's residence and stabbed her to death in the presence of their minor child.

The police classified the complaint as Murder first degree intentionally caused death of another person; Criminal Contempt of a Family Court Order.

The Board ruled to award Mental Health Counseling expenses and Funeral and Burial expenses.

The claimant has been awarded a total of \$10,555.00 for Mental Health Counseling Expenses.